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1. REFTEL A SAYS DR. WILBUR BLUME AND DR. ROBERT LINDSAY WISH TO STAY IN CAIRO APRIL 6TH AND 7TH AFTER CONFERENCE "TO ASCERTAIN SOME OF THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SUPPORTING THEIR EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION" BY MEETING WITH A NUMBER OF EGYPTIANS. AMONG THOSE LISTED AS DESIREABLE TO MEET, WE ANTICIPATEBLUME AND LINDSAY WILL SEE AT APRIL 2-5 CONFERENCE THE FOLLOWING: DEAN SABAT, MENA'S GAWAD, MOI OFFICIALS, EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST SYNDICATE REPRESENTATIVES, AND OTHERS. USIS CAN ARRANGE MEETING WITH WEISENBORNE AND WILL TRY TO CONTACT WADID SIRRY. BLUME AND LINDSAY SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT FRIDAY APRIL 7 EGYPTIAN OFFICES CLOSED FOR NORMAL EGYPTIAN WEEKEND, AND THURSDAY AFTERNOON IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TIME FOR APPOINTMENTS.

2. AS FOR OTHER UNIVERSITY CONTACTS, USIS CAN DISCUSS THESE WITH BLUME AND LINDSAY AFTER ARRIVAL. ONE FACTOR TO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT INOUR EXPERIENCE EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS ARE INDEED INTERESTED IN HAVING U.S. INCREASE SUPPORT FOR THEIR INSTITUTIONS, AND WHEN AMERICAN OFFICIAL VISITORS MAKE CALLS AT UNIVERSITY THEY INEVITABLY RAISE EXPECTATIONS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY

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INQUIRING ABOUT NEEDS. THIS HAS HAPFENED AGAIN AND AGAIN IN RECENT YEARS AS VISITORS COME THROUGH FOR ORIENTATION, FOR EXAMPLE JUST SINCE DECEMBER WE HAVE HAD CU-SPONSORED VISITS FROM DR. WILLIAM ZARTMAN, ROBERT GOLDWIN, DR. WESLEY POSKAR, AMB. TUTHILL, STEWART EDWARDS, AND COSERV REPRESENTATIVES GIBSON, PAULU AND FRANK, WHERE EGYPTIAN HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED WHICH USG CANNOT MEET. THIS IS NOT FAULT OF VISITOR, BUT IS UNINTENDED

CONSEQUENCE OF THE VISIT ITSELF.

3. ATTEMPTING TO SECURE RESERVATIONS FOR 6TH AND 7TH. AS
DEPARTMENT AWARE, FIRST CLASS HOTELS UNAVAILABLE ON SUCH SHORT
NOTICE, BUT PERHAPS GAWAD CAN HELP.

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